

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please change the title as follows:

CATALYST, PREPARATION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING LOWER HYDROCARBON USING THE CATALYST

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

**Cross-Reference to Prior Application**

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/016480 filed October 29, 2004, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-375666 filed November 5, 2003, both of which are incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on May 19, 2005 as WO 2005/044760 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).

Please remove lines 10 and 11 under TECHNICAL FIELD on page 1 as follows:

~~Priority is claimed on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-375666, filed November 5, 2003, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference.~~